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INFO AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

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SUBJECT: RICE FOR CAMBODIA

REF: PHONM PENH 9686

1. LY KIM HENG TOLD ECON/CML. COUNSELOR EVENING
SEPTEMBER 13 THAT HE HAD SIGNED CONTRACT THAT AFTERNOON
FOR 12,500 METRIC TONS BROKEN RICE OF WHICH 10,000 TONS
WILL BE A-1 SUPER AT \$350 PER TON AND 2,500 TONS WILL BE
A-1 SPECIAL AT \$340 PER TON, ALL FOB.

2. SHIPMENT IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 20 FOR WHICH
THREE SHIPS OF THAI NAVIGATION COMPANY WILL BE MADE
AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, DETAILS WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 15 WHEN HENG WILL MEET WITH THAI NAVIGATION
REPRESENTATIVES. AS IN THE PAST, BANGKOK WILL INFORM
EMBASSY PHNOM PENH AS SOON AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN
BE OBTAINED. HENG PLANS RETURN TO PHNOM PENH MORNING
OF SEPTEMBER 15.

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3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT SECOND INCREMENT
OF 12,500 TONS, HENG STATED RTG WILL HAVE A SHORTAGE OF
RICE IN STOCK SUITABLE FOR EXPORT UNTIL OCTOBER 1. AT THAT TIME
HENG PLANS RETURN TO BANGKOK TO SIGN SECOND CONTRACT.
IN INTERIM EMBASSY WILL KEEP URGENCY OF PHNOM PENH
NEEDS FOR RTG OFFICIALS.
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